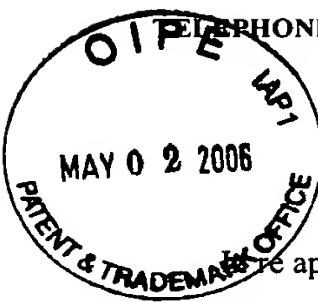


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AMENDMENT "B" and Petition for Extension of Time

Commissioner for Patents

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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

 No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	*17	MINUS	35		() X 25.00 (X) X 5=0.00	\$00
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	14		() X 100.00 (X) X 200.00	\$00
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				() YES () NO	() \$180.00 () \$360.00 ONE TIME	
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT	\$00	

* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20 write "20" in this space.

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2005 for 3 months so that the period for response is extended to April 20, 2006. A check in the amount of \$1020.00 is attached to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account No. 501519. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$ _____ is attached.

A check for \$ _____ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached

A check for \$ _____ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

When phoning re this application, please call (312) 258-5500.

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